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- By 23 March 1952 building improvements undertaken by the North Korean government and installation of new Soviet equipment had made the Hôch'ôn River power system more effective than it was prior to the start of the Korean war. This system, considered a class 1 industrial asset by the North Korean government,¹ was providing electrical power to South Hamgyong and North Hamgyong provinces. 25X1
- The Hôch'ôn River Power Plant Number 1, at Honggun-ni (128-27, 40-47) [] employing two hundred and eighty men and twenty women, consisted of one building painted blue and yellow² 150 meters long, 50 meters wide, and 18 meters high, and five smaller buildings. The large building and its equipment were in good condition. The lowest of five step-down water tanks was approximately 400 meters above the pond near the building. Forty North Korean army guards at the plant prevented civilians from approaching the area. Plant employees lived in homes near the installation.
- Power Plant Number 2 at Kosong-ni (128-36, 40-41) [] employing two hundred and forty men and ten women, consisted of one building painted blue, yellow, and red² 130 meters long, 35 meters wide, and 15 meters high, and eight smaller buildings. The lowest of five step-down water tanks was approximately 350 meters above the pond. Twenty North Korean army guards were at the plant. The employees were living in homes near the plant. 25X1
- Power Plant Number 3 at Sangnong-ni (128-44, 40-36) [] and Power Plant Number 4 at Sonp'a-rî (128-50, 40-32) [] were smaller installations than the other two power plants. 25X1
- The transmission sub-station in a cave west of Sadong-ni (128-53, 40-27) [] employed approximately one hundred electricians and fifty laborers. 25X1

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The cave, 50 meters long, 40 meters wide, and 10 meters high, comprised six smaller caves.

- 25X1 6. The building housing the Tanch'on switching station, in a field at Hajikch'ol-li (128-53, 40-28) [] was approximately 50 meters long, 40 meters wide, and 7 meters high. The building's walls were painted blue, yellow, and red.²

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The North Korean government classifies its industrial assets by a numbering system ranging from 1 through 7 according to the extent to which each complex contributes, in descending importance, to the country's defense requirements.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. It seems questionable that important power installations would be so brightly painted; [] does not explain this 25X1 seeming contradiction.

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